RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Description Level:	Fonds
Accession Number:	16-1998, 28-1998, 16-2002
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1874-2001, predominant 1930-1970
Physical Description:	64.69 m textual records
	photographs
	slides
	audiovisual materials

History /
Biographical:

The forerunner of Manitoba Pool Elevators (MPE), the Manitoba Wheat Pool was created in 1924 as a mechanism to allow for the co-operative marketing of wheat by Manitoba producers by the United Farmers of Manitoba. The Manitoba Wheat Pool was initially intended to be a provisional organization until the establishment of an interprovincial Pool, but when Alberta and Saskatchewan established their own permanent Pools the United Farmers decided to do the same. The Manitoba Pool was different from the SK and AB Pools in that the municipality was the primary unit of organization; members belonged to their municipal Pool associations first, rather than having direct membership with the central Manitoba Wheat Pool. Manitoba Pool Elevators was established in 1925 as a subsidiary of the Pool in response to local members complaints about the unfair business practices of privately owned elevators. The private elevators also slowed up the shipment of grain to the Central Selling Agency employed by the Wheat Pool, acting as a barrier between the local Pools and the Manitoba Wheat Pool. Once established MPE quickly began to build new elevators and aquire privately owned elevators.

MPE's approach to marketing grain promised to stabilize the market price of grain and ensure a fair market price to producers. Initially the Manitoba Wheat Pool was very successful. However, in 1930, the Manitoba Wheat Pool found itself burdened with an unsold surplus from the preceding year that had been bought from the farmers at a price that was significantly higher than any possible return during the Depression. As a result, in 1931 the Manitoba Wheat Pool's Central Selling Agency defaulted on its bank loans. Despite attempts to save the organization, it was forced to declare bankruptcy in November 1932. The financial difficulties of the Wheat Pool had little to no effect on the Pool Elevators, and so this former subsidiary organization became the main Manitoba Pool organization. This change meant MPE had to reorganize, which they were able to do with funds from the provincial government. The company was successful enough in subsequent years that it was able to finish repaying the Manitoba government a full year early in 1949.

MPE did not limit itself to grain handling; they wished to enrich the lives of rural families through education and to provide economic stability through diversification.

MPE established a lending reference library for members and a traveling library for rural families in 1926. With the passing of the Public Libraries Act in 1948, the province took over

responsibility for providing rural families with books. MPE decided that since their traveling library would no longer be needed when rural libraries were established, the best course of action was to donate their library to the Provincial government. They also established and supported programs that educated young people about agriculture and ag business.

Subsidiary companies that dealt with course grains, livestock, packing and fertilizer were established by MPE to streamline and stabilize business for its members.

1961 marked the high water mark for the number of local associations within Manitoba Pool Elevators with 225 local associations. After this date the associations began to amalgamate and consolidate. Improvements in rural roads and rail systems and increases in the size of farms and mechanization of farm labour meant that fewer elevators were needed to service all members and regions. These changes led to an organizational restructuring of Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1968. Membership became direct, and the main unit of organization became the central office. The central office administrated the Pool through districts, which were further subdivided into sub-districts. The locals which were formally the main organizational unit came under the immediate direction of the sub-district they were located in. Local association could opt out of this system if they wished, but by 1975 all but 29 associations had become part of the new structure.

In 1998 Manitoba Pool Elevators merged with the Alberta Wheat Pool to form Agricore Co-operative, Ltd. In 2001 this organization merged with the United Grain Growers to become Agricore United, and in 2007 AU was taken over by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; the new company is currently known as Viterra.

Custodial History:

The bulk of this fonds was accessioned in 1975, when the forerunner to the McKee Archives at Brandon University, the Rural Resource Center, was founded. The original mandate of the Rural Resource Center was to house the records of the Manitoba Pool Elevators. Previous to this, most of the fonds was stored at MPE's head office in Winnipeg. Many accruals to this collection have since taken place, with some of the larger ones being received in 1997, 2001, and 2002.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains records dealing with every aspect of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization, from the events leading to its formation in the 1920's, to its amalgamation as part of Agricore beginning in the late 1990's.

Fonds includes records of the local co-operative elevator associations established in the period 1925 - 1968 under the Co-operative Associations Act including: organizational papers; minutes of executive boards; minutes of shareholders annual meetings; financial statements; correspondence; membership lists; and miscellaneous documents.

Also to be found are: documents related to the Royal Commission re the Manitoba Pool Elevators Limited ca. 1931; miscellaneous reports and submissions documents (1925 -1952); central office papers consisting of annual reports, circulars to local co-operative elevator associations and documents related to various other activities of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization. Fonds also contains documents pertaining to the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association Limited and its successor, the Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-operative Limited, and related agencies.

Other items in the fonds (dating from the 1890's to 2001) include: books acquired for the Manitoba Pool Elevator Library, including a complete run of both the Scoop Shovel (MPE's first newspaper)and the Manitoba Cooperator; photographs; slides; audiotapes; and reel-to-reel videos.

Finally, the fonds contains a small number of miscellaneous items such as banners, and company issued briefcases.

This fonds is organized into four series, (A) Local Association records, (B) Central Office Records, (C) Subsidiary Companies and Co-operatives, (D) Commissions, Committees and Inquiries

Notes: Description by Mike White (2002), revised and enlarged by Jillian Sutherland (2009-2010).

History/Bio taken from F.W. Hamilton, "Service at Cost: A History of the Manitoba Pool Elevators 1925-1975" (Saskatoon: Modern Press) and from records within the fonds.

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Subject Access:	Manitoba Co-operator
	Canadian Agriculture
	Cooperative Unions
	Grain Trade
	The Scoop Shovel
	Winnipeg Grain Exchange
	Agricore
	United Grain Growers
	Manitoba Wheat Pool
	Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers Ltd
	Canadian Wheat Board
	Alberta Wheat Pool
	Border Fertilizer Ltd
	Canadian Council of Agriculture
	Saskatchewan Cooperative Elevator Company
	Saskatchewan Wheat Pool
	United Farmers of Manitoba
	United Farmers of Alberta
Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Finding Aid:	File level inventory available for some boxes. The Pool Elevator library and publications are available online through the Brandon University Library catalogue.
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MPE B 3 Local Association minutes (microfilm) Box 2

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Description Level:	Box
Series Number:	MPE B.3.2
File Number:	2
GMD:	microfilm
Date Range:	1926-1957
Physical Description:	28 cm
History / Biographical:	
	See history/bio for sub-series B.3
Custodial History:	
	See custodial history for sub-series B.3

Scope and Content:

Box contains minutes geenrated by local MPE associations, collected and microfilmed by the central office. Rolls in this box include the following:

Roll 13: Oakbank 1940-51; Oakburn 1940-51; Oak Lake 1928-51; Oakland 1928-51; Oakville 1928-51; Osbourne 1927-51; Rapid City 1926-51; Pierson 1928-51; Pilot Mound 1928-51; Pipestone 1929-51; Poplar Point 1947-51; Portage 1927-51; Purves 1928-51

Roll 14: Rapid City 1926-27; Rathwell 1928-51; Regent 1927-51; Reston 1927-51; Rhodes 1928-48; Riverton 1948-51; Sandy Lake 1943-51; Selkirk 1947-51; Roblin 1926-51; Rossburn 1929-51; Roundthwaite 1928-51; Russell 1940-51; Ste Agathe 1946-51; St Jean 1949-51; Sanford 1927-51; Scrick 1944-51

Roll 15: missing

Roll 16: Starbuck 1927-40; Stonewall 1939-51; Strathclair 1947-51; Swan Lake 1928-51; Teulon 1940-51; Thorn Hill 1926-51; Tilston 1928-51; Treherne 1928-51; Vista 1940-51; Warren 1947-51; Waskada 1925-51; Wawanesa 1927-51; Wood Bay 1937-51; Wood Bay 1926-37; Wood North 1928-51

Roll 17: Side 1 Alexander to Birdtail Oct 1951 – June 1957; Side 2 Birnie to Cartwright Oct 1951 – June 1957

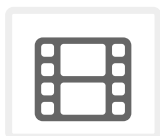Roll 18: Side 1 Chillon to Ebor Oct 1951 – June 1957; Side 2 Eden to Fork River Oct 1951 – June 1957

Roll 19: Side 1 Forrest to Hamiota Oct 1951 – June 1957; Side 2 Harding to Kronsgart Oct 1951 – June 1957

Roll 20: Side 1 Landseer to Maples Oct 1951 – June 1957; Side 2 Margaret to Napinka Oct 1951 – June 1957

Roll 21: Side 1 Neelin to Purvis Oct 1951 – June 1957; Side 2 Rapid City to Silverton Oct 1951 – June 1957

Roll 22: Side 1 Sinclair to Warren Oct 1951 – June 1957; Side 2 Waskada to Woodnorth Oct 1951 – June 1957

Notes:	Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)
Name Access:	Manitoba Pool Elevators
	Central Office
Subject Access:	Local Association
Storage Location:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
	Series B: Central Office records

MPE B 3 Local Association minutes (microfilm) Box 1

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Description Level:	Box
Series Number:	MPE B.3.1

File Number:	1
GMD:	microfilm
Date Range:	1927-1951
Physical Description:	33 cm
History / Biographical:	

See history/bio for sub-series B.3

Custodial History:

See custodial history for sub-series B.3

File Number:	1
GMD:	microfilm

Scope and Content:

Box contains minutes generated by local MPE associations, collected and microfilmed by the central office. Rolls in this box include the following:

Roll 1: Alexander 1927-51; Altona 1949-51; Arborg 1939-51; Austin 1940-51; Baldur 1927-51; Barnsley 1928-51; Basswood 1927-51; Bellview 1940-51; Belmont 1928-51; Benito 1928-51; Beresford 1940-51; Bethany 1928-51; Beild 1934-51

Roll 2: Beild 1928-34; Binscarth 1928-51; Birdtail 1929-51; Birnie 1927-51; Birtle 1927-51; Boissevain 1928-51; Bowsman 1925-51; Bradwardine 1927-51; Brandon 1928-51; Brookdale 1929-51; Brunkild 1942-51; Broomhill 1928-51

Roll 3: Brunkild 1928-42; Cardale 1928-51; Carey 1928-51; Carman 1928-51; Cartwright 1927-51; Chillon 1928-51; Clanwilliam 1928-51; Clearwater 1928-51; Coulter 1928-51; Cracknell 1947-51; Crandall 1928-51; Croll 1926-51; Cromer 1946-51

Roll 4: Cromer 1926-45; Crystal City 1928-1951; Curtis 1947-51; Cypress River 1928-51; Dalny 1925-51; Dand 1928-51; Darlingford 1948-51; Dauphin 1927-51; Decker 1928-51; Deepdale 1926-29; Deepdale 1930-31; Deloraine 1928-51; Domain 1928-51; Dropmore 1927-51; Deleau 1928-29; Dufresne 1948-51; Dufrost 1932-51

Roll 5: Dufrost 1928-32; Dunrea 1928-51; Durban 1926-51; Ebor 1929-51; Eden 1928-51; Erikson 1947-51; Edwin 1928-51; Elgin 1926-51; Elie 1928-51; Elkhorn 1928-51; Elm Creek 1928-51; Elphinstone 1928-51

Roll 6: Erikson 1926-48; Ewart 1926-51; Fairfax 1928-51; Fallison 1928-51; Fannystelle 1928-51; Gilbert Plains 1931-51; Giroux 1940-43; Fork River 1949-51; Forrest 1927-51; Fortier 1927-51; Foxwarren 1930-51; Franklin 1930-51

Roll 7: Glenboro 1926-42; Glenella 1941-51; Glenora 1927-51; Glossop 1947-51; Goodlands 1928-51; Gordon 1928-51; Graham 1928-51; Grandview 1925-51; Graysalle 1928-51; Gretna 1949-51; Hamiota 1927-51; Harding 1928-51; Hargrave 1938-51

Roll 8: Hargrave 1928-39; Hartney 1929-51; Hathaway 1928-51; Headingly 1940-51; Heenan 1927-28; Helston 1940-51; High Bluff 1947-51; Holland 1927-51; Homewood 1927-51; Inglis 1947-51; Ispwich 1928-51; Isabella 1940-51; Jordan 1928-51; Justice 1928-51; Kaleida 1926-51; Katrime 1940-51; Kelwood 1940-51; Kenton 1937-51

Roll 9: Kenton 1927-38; Kemnay 1927-38; Kenville 1926-51; Killarney 1928-51; Kronsgart 1946-51; Landseer 1928-51; Langruth 1946-51; Largs 1943-51; La Riviere 1928-51; Lauder 1928-51; Lavinia 1940-51; Leighton 1928-51; Lena 1928-51; Lenore 1938-51

Roll 10: Lenore 1928-39; Letellier 1928-51; Linklater 1928-51; Longburn 1947-51; Lowe Farm 1936-51; Lyleton 1928-51; MacDonald 1947-51; MacGregor 1927-51; Makaroff 1927-51; Makinak 1941-51; Manson 1928-51; Maples (Virdern) 1929-51; Margaret 1930-51

Roll 11: Margaret 1928-30; Mather 1926-51; McAuley 1928-51; McConnell 1928-51; McTavish 1936-51; Medora 1927-51; Menteith 1927-51; Mentmore 1927-51; Miami 1946-51; Millwood 1929-51; Minitonas 1926-51; Minnedosa 1938-51

Roll 12: Minnedosa 1928-38; Minto 1928-51; Moline 1928-51; Moore Park 1928-51; Morden 1947-51; Morris 1928-51; Napinka 1928-51; Neelin 1940-51; Nesbitt 1929-51; Netley 1947-51; Newdale 1947-51; Ninette 1928-51; Ninga 1927-51; Notre Dame de Lourdes 1928-51; Oakbank 1941-51

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	Central Office
Subject Access:	Local Association
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	Series B: Central Office records